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LEE'S PLACE

IN HISTORY

and Statesman

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to Work of Foreloper,

Speaker Declares

that the human will, operating

through a single mind, and not

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SPEECHES EXALT CHARACTER AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF MISSIONARY

BOOTH DEPICTS HARDSHIPS MET BY JASON LEE Courage of Honored Missionary and Pioneer Pictured in Address STATE SERVICE LAUDED Significance of Hazardous

Journey Eastward to Save Northwest is Told

"There is so much of fitness in the principal event of American history, that it tends to confirm the belief common to so many people that there is a Providence that directs the thoughts and actions of mankind; and this idea has equal sanction whether it relates to discovery, occupancy or institutions," said Hon. R. A. Booth of Eugene when speaking on "The Courage and Hardships exercises at the state capitol yesterday. "Men and achievements link intimately and well with comforts of the palace car. this theory and its acceptance seems to simplify the interpreta tion of the history of the Oregon country-whether we refer to Captain Gray's discovery or the event in which Jason Lee was the principal actor.

"The early Americans and privations bred in them covrage only defense and support. and perseverance. The builders of America have at all times believed and been stimulated by at every turn deterred them. One the thought that they were the may think of hunger, disease or most highly favored of any people, and generally speaking in it all, they have seen a purpose as impulse, their abiding glory, has been and is their willingness to extend to others the civilization that they have built for them-

New Era Comes

selves.

"And there has been no lack of heroic messengers, missionaries, statesmen of soldiers to proclaim, extend and defend what so

freely they have given to others. "The adoption of our constitution that states the purposes and fixed the course of our government and the discovery of * the Columbia river, that so largely influenced, our country's boundary, were events bearing nearly

ment and unflagging zeal, and his accomplishments in the work to which he was called justified the expectations of those who commissioned him. "American pioneering has al-

most invariaby imposed hard-ships. But with hardships has come courage and the will to an come courage and the will to endure. Courage always goes with leadership and when you couple leadership with the building of new frontier states and the pro-

mulgation of the gospel, you grant at once to those who lead the quality of courage as you as certainly know that hardship will almost constantly surround them.

"It took something of courage and it imposed a measure of hardship on those sturdy ploneers who paddled down the Ohio from Pittsburfg and spread out over the Mississippi valley. But they went into a land well expored

and fairly well known. The Bishop Shepherd, "when within movement had for its purpose the betterment of every participant the capitol of a great state, a beand it seemed fairly certain of lated honor is paid to a man who success; and nearby were neighbors and about them was the protection of government.

to the one of the early 30's, headcross, with finger board or trail of Jason Lee" at the unveiling and only the setting sun to point

> behind them the possibilities of than his contemporaries of the help and the protection of gov- fitness of the man whose name we ernment. Likewise behind them honor today for the great task to was all they had hitherto lived which he gave his life. for. Be'ore them was a needy

race and a duty to perform in its son Lee was a providential charbehalf. They were moving under acter. As Abraham was chosen many of their greatest sons were the inspiration of a divine dream, to be the founder of the Hebrew reared in poverty and disciplined with faith in God and trust in people, and Moses was chosen to by hardships. Difficulties and their strong right arms as their be the saviour of that people;

OBSTACLES

Jason Lee Likened to Wash-

ington and Lincoln by

Bishop Shepherd

WORKS ARE REVIEWED

Character, Not Physical

Stature Fits Missionary for

Battle for Colonization

"Upon this occasion," said

"Today it is manifest that Ja-

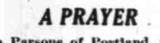
Lee Likened to Lincoln.

and Washington was chosen to Neither mountains miles high, be the father of his country and prairies unmeasured, or dangers Lincoln its saviour; so Jason Lee was chosen to be the pioneer and founder of a great civilization treachery that belonged to an which should be built upon the untamed people and consider ruins of a pagan and decadent them as but the incidents of the race. More and more as we remay be said that their noblest to h m they were mere trifles and cognize the value of the institudaily life that attended Lee, but tions which have followed in the of no consequence save as - they wake of his sacrifice, the fame hindered in his progress.

"His preparation was for the of his name is established. task at the end of the journey. It was this great undertaking that daily occupied his mind, that found expression in his

prayers and record in his journal

years later and became an essentler came to find a home where a dynamo of energy. Only a frame ernment upon the ruins of barhe should abide, largely for him- of generaus proportions and iron barism. This much must be acoff. Lee was a missionary, an constitution could have taken the corded to him by all.



By Rev. John Parsons of Portland, delivered on the occasion of the unveiling of a life-size portrait of Jason Lee, in the Oregon hall of representatives, Tuesday, Oct. 26.

Almighty God, creator and preserver of all mankind, builder of nations, and ruler in the affairs of men, we acknowledge our dependence upon thee, and seek thy protection and favor. Enrich our lives with thy grace, and incline our hearts to keep thy law.

Thy glory, O Lord, is declared in the heavens, and the sky is full of thy handiwork, but the true shekinah is man. Men are great in scul because they are made in thine image and great in achievement because the breath of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

A great man is thy gift to humanity. Such a gift calls us together today. We are here to do something in rememberance of one, whose devotion was passionate, and whose life was a holy sacrifice on the alter of duty.

We thank thee for Jason Lee. Help us to think of his lowly life in the pineries of the north, of his spiritual uplift in the sanctuary of God, of his fellowship with invisible things, and of his great adventure to take the book of life to those who sat in darkness. He was obedient to thy law of sacrifice, and he lives in the world's life because he renounced his own.

We thank thee for Jason Lee's beautiful life-a life radiant with sublime and heroic faith, consecrated to great ideals, and sustained by dauntless courage and steadfast purpose. In many a conflict, he endured as seeing him who is invisible.

We thank thee for what Jason Lee was able to accomplish. Thou didst enable him to plant a"church, to found a college, to organize a colony, and to establish American institutions and civilization in Oregon. Thou didst appoint him to set in motion forces which have vibrated across the years, and which shall be a blessing to future generations.

Thy blessing, O Lord, be upon our exercises here today, upon those who shall take part in the same, and upon this great assembly. And grant that the picture to be unveiled, the face of this strong, sincere, devout man, may bring to thousands the confidence of reason, and the repose of faith. Amen.

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maps, depending chiefly upon of an enthusiast in the bosom of such information as was given a giant. It was the heart of a him by men who were wholly un- great, sincere man with a love "Washington and Lincoln, like mindful of, if not inimical to, his for the lowly. He was moved by Saul, the first king of the He- large purpose, and upon such the sincerest motives. His virbrews, were molded in noble phy- fragmentary information as the tues were fundamental. His life sical proportions as if to symbol- ignorant Indians in an almost un- was devoted to opposition to ize in their own representative understandable jargon could give wrong, and kindly treatment to "Lee must not be classed with personalities the greatness of Am- -yet he grasped the strategic im- the lowly. Like his Master, he the hardy pioneer who followed erican territory and institutions. portance of his centers of influ- was moved with compassion. He Washington was six feet three; ence with the mind of a states- never wearled in well doing. He tial factor in civil government, and Lincoln, six feet four, in man and the prophet of a great never faltered, and his mighty even though he endured hardship stature. Jason Lee likewise was civilization; and thus he laid his service had upon it no rust of and possessed courage. The set- of commanding proportions, and plans for building Christian gov- gold.

Colony Is Planned. tory now made, to see that Jason

the thoughts, the beliefs, the the thoughts, the beliefs, the conscience and the intelligence of a vast population. When Jason MEMORIAL IN Lee went away, plows were busy on the farms, the hamme, and the saw were re-echoing through the forests, fires were burning in happy homes, the people were gathering together in -villages MADE CLEAR and towns, the beginnings of commerce were visible in the rivers, roads were being made to E. B. Piper Says Missionary connect remote communities, the Was Colonizer, Pioneer processes of orderly government were in control of the doings and goings of men, and an American state had been created.

Lee's Place Defined "If Jason Lee had not come. the irresistible flow of the stream

of inevitability vould doubtless Nation at Last is Grateful have delivered the Oregon country to its certain position as an American state. But it is true that Jason Lee was a vital link in the chain of fate that bound Oregon to the American union. It

"If Jason Lee Had Not Come" is a strange fact that after the was the subject assigned Edgar discovery by Gray of the Colum-B. Piper, editor of The Oregonian, one of those who spoke at the unveiling of the portrait of Jason Lee in the hall of representatives yesterday. Mr. Piper said that Jason Lee was more than missionary, that he was pioneer, colonizer, patriot and statesman and a vital link in the chain of fate that bound Oregon to the

"I am given a rather extraorsought to exploit the country dinary subject-'If Jason Lee Had Not Come'-and I am ter and trapper may never be warned that my time will be limknown. But Jason Lee's voice. ited to a few minutes only," said crying in the wilderness, reached Mr. Piper. "It opens wide a rich Washington and Jason Lee's field of imagination and speculapresence there started the legistion, and invites anew an examlative machinery for an active ination and an estimate of Jason assertion of American rights. Lee's unique place in the history "Jason Lee is more than a misof his time. It is too much to sionary, a pioneer, a colonizer, a patriot, a statesman. He is a trait of a splendid man-Jason say-it would be a futile negation of the inexorable judgment symbol-a symbol of duty seen Lee. of history, a confession that God and done amid many triais and leaves the fate of nations and peoples to chance, or to whim, or crystallized against official igto accident, an acknowledgement

too much to say that but for Ja-son Lee, the record of the past grateful." 80 or 90 years in the far off Pacific northwest would have been Life Insurance Men Form reversed, or even materially al-

Temporary Organization **Missionaries Agents of Destiny** Temporary organization of the governor of Oregon, "It is correct to say that the instrument through which deslife insurance men of Salem was

crees was the missionary move- effected at a meeting held at the ment, the zeal, the fire, the con- Commercial club rooms last night. secration and the self-sacrifice of A permanent organization, it is ex- speaker's desk in the capitel of of duty to their country, and their pected, will be effected at a meet- a state which he gave to our maservice in awakening the con- ing held at the Spa a week from tion; in the capital city where sciousness of the American gov- next Saturday night and at that he founded the first school to be ernmet to its true responsibility time a report will be made rela-of North America; in the capital for the future of the unknown, but indispensable, northwest. I tive to the possibility of affiliating city which he himself founded

sion of Jason Lee came the first

governor of Oregon under its

provisional government, George

er Honor for Patriot-METHODISTS PRAISED Governor Acknowledges Honor of Unveiling Picture of Jason Lee

WASHINGTON

IS ADVOCATED

Olcott Starts Movement

Which May Lead to High-

In his opening address at the unveiling of the Jason Lee porbia, after the mighty adventure trait in the hall of representaof Lewis & Clark, after the build- tives yesterday, Governor Oleott, ing of a primitive Astoria and its who presided over the program early abandonment, all establish- and uncovered the picture, put ing a just claim to the soil as Am- under way a movement which erican territory, interest in a re- doubtless will result in the placgion so remote for many years ing of a portrait or a bust of the lain dormant. What would have noted missionary and pioneer in happened if England had em- the national capitol at Washingbarked on a systematic scheme of ton. The governor's suggestion colonization, and had not merely was taken up by Edgar B. Piper, editor of the Oregonian, in his through the prowess of the hun- address, and it is believed the leaders of the Methodist church will carry it further in due time. In a brief speech on Jason Lee Governor Olcott said:

"I consider it a high honor to have been selected as the one who should unveil and accept for the state of Oregon this splendid por-

"The portrait of Dr. John Meperils of opportunity realized and Loughlin adorns the senate chamber of this state. He also, was norance and neglect, of a minis- a commanding figure in the entry bestowed on the friendless In- theme early history of the then the divine commandment, orders dian and the homeless immigrant, vast territory known as the Ore the course of great events-it is and of service performed to his gon country. As chief factor of the great and powerful Hudson's Bay company, with headquarters at Willamette Falls, now Oregon City, he was kind to and considerate of all settlers, British and American alike, and has been termed through courtesy, the first

Mission Produces Governor.

"It is fitting in the extreme that the portrait of Jason Lee "It is easy, in the light of his- say indispensable, for without it with the national organization of and in which he lived in its first

the United States could and life insurance associations. dwelling house. From the m

"Within the confines of this

Higher Honor Urged

"By every right of achievement,

quest, the portrait of Jason Lee

should adorn the halls of the cap-

"And to you who know what

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opened the way for modern civilization, although no panegyric or fulsome laudation would be con-**Protection Left Behind** sistent with his massive char-"To compare these movements acter, it will be permitted to give a measure of praise which, beed by Lee with half a continent to cause of most peculiar circumstances, has sometimes been withheld. In the light of the history the way, is like comparing the already made, and with accomhardships of the ox team to the plished facts everywhere about "Lee and his companions loft us, we are able to judge better

Substantially simuleven date. taneous with these events came into the hearts of men a revitalized Christianity that established Its base very largely in America d the and profoundly influen thoughts and ideals of the American people. It made of the 19th century a new era of missionary The religious note, was everywhere dominant in New England, making altars at many Tiresides and messengers of many

"Into these times and environments came Jason Lee, with the missionary spirit in his blood and the call of God in his heart.

"This at once implied hardships and courage, for in him it meant a restless activity until he had adjusted his actions to the pleadings of his conscience.

Indians Seek Light

New England no sooner heard that America's primitive sons of the west had called for 'The Book of Heaven,' than they determined to send it. Out of all the men then known to the authorities of the church as best adapted to with loyalty to his government and fidelity to his fellow man. the church as best adapted to tic to the Pacific ocean and adapt it to the needs of the native Indians, Jason Lee was at once It was a time for action that inchosen. This stamped him at once as a man possessed of he-

THE VOYAGE OF THE LAUSANNE

BY REV. JOHN PARSONS, D. D., Secretary Oregon Methodist Historical Society

Eighty years ago the Lausanne, ment was drawn up setting forth entered the Columbia river with the extent and fertility of the a cargo of religion and patriotism. country, its mild climate, its cer-The arrival of the ship was an tainty of speedy settlement, the event, and a story. As an event advantage of the Pacific ports for it settled, potentially, the "Ore- trade with China and India, and gon Question"; and as a story it petitioning the government to exis full of romance, of sublime and tend its laws over the territory. heroic faith. It was, in fact, the This petition was the creation of beginning of the immigration Jason Lee, David Leslie and P. L. movement inaugurated by Jason Edwards, all members of the Meth-Lee, which Harvey Scott pro- odist Mission. It was signed by nounced. "His greatest work in 22 Americans and several French Canddians, 31 persons in all. behalf of Oregon."

A Greater Oregon

When Jason Lee left the Mission The Lausanne is a big V in the on the 26th day of March, 1838, to story of Old Oregon, and it stands execute his great task, he carried for vision and victory. Vision of this petition with him, and it was a greater Oregon, of a social order presented to the Senate January guided and controlled by the 28, 1839. Stirred the People.

United States, came to a small group of pioneers in the Willamette Valley in the spring of 1838. United States Jason Lee began The vision resulted in two outstanding and decisive transactions.

Oregon Mission and on Oregon. 1. Daniel Lee, and H. K. W. The effect of his message was Perkins had been appointed to overwhelming. Gustavus Hines, establish a Mission at The Dalles. one of the Lausanne group, says: and before they left Willamette "His success was unparalleled, and station a general consultation was | an interest was excited throughout held on the subject of a greater the land amounting to enthusiasm. enlargement of the Missionary Crowds thronged to see and hear work in Oregon. After canvassing the pioneer missionary beyond the the matter a unanimous resolution Rocky Mountains, and the conwas adopted, advising Jason Lee verted Indians who accompanied to make a visit to the United him.

States for the purpose of repre-What was the result? Public senting before the Board of Mansentiment was aroused, and the agers of the Missionary Society of value of the Oregon country, as a the Methodist Episcopal Church national asset, recognized as never and the public generally, the true before. Jason Lee lectured at Alcondition of Oregon, and of the ton, Illinois, and the Alton Tele-Indians, and to solicit men and graph, in a burst of enthusiasm, money for the successful prosecusaid: "Citizens of the West, will

tion of the work. Reluctantly, for domestic reasons, Jason Lee conyou tamely consent that Orecurred in the decision of his gon, one of the loveliest rebrethren, and undertook the over-

journey's end, so far as westward Six feet four inches in height, Here movement was concerned planned and planted well, but found but little to encourage he the immediate betterment of in the Indians. Their capacity and disposition were not what he had hoped for. It was clearly discerned by him that the uplift of the Indian was to be a slow process that involved a comprehenthe Mayflower.

sive and continued plan; that required the support of a strong government. 'The need of the new man was

continued works. Disappointing and unexpected conditions did not destroy the courage of Lee. It only tested it. Here he learned

not a new faith only, but new and much of the Indian but at the same time he learned of the great

possibilities of the Oregon country and set them out in document later presented to congress that marked their author as a far-seeing statesman, imbued "Here was the real testing time with Jason Lee, as I now view it. (Continued on page 4)

Soon after his arrival in the

preaching and lecturing on the

gions that Nature ever be-

'Fair-haired, azure eyed, With the dew of his youth And the beauty thereof: As the captives whom St. Gregory saw. And exclaimed, 'Not Angles, but angels. As such he appeared to the belat-

ed people to whom he devoted his virile life; and to such he wasan angel. "Though we give much praise

to the canvas, no artist can do more than outline the countenance of such a man; for there must have spoken from it the an. The call came to him in the dignity born of a mighty purpose first flush of his new-born enthuswhich is beyond the power of the most accomplished artist to de-

pict. This must have fashioned of Man. It was that young enhis every movement and been thusiasm which brought him to manifest in all his manner. The clothing appropriate to the prim- making his center among the itive conditions in which he la- more promising Indians of the bored surely could not disguise inland country, he established it his dignity. It is clear that he among those most inferior, and moved among his fellows as a decadent, and who soon mysterimanifest leader of men.

Missionary Held Grant.

"But not only so. Mentally, likewise, he was a large man. Albecome a handful. though his schooling was irregular, and begun in earnest only afwhich ministered to them contriter the consecration of himself to buted in some degree to their his 19e work, nevertheless his rapid deterioration. All writers lucid and forcible writings show agree that there was an element the training of a powerful mind, of mystery in the change that All his writings show clear incame to this benighted people. sight and large acquaintance with the conditions which he faced 80 years ago in this Oregon of ours. Seldom are papers more concise. comprehensive, and discerning

work of the missionary. Lee Is Disappointed.

"Before commenting upon the

than those which he and his colleagues addressed to the United The failure to civilize the In-States government and which dians was the disappointment of yet unborn." were presented to congress by his life. No one regretted as did him upon the occasion of his first he. But civilization made its de-

six years of residence in the Val- son Lee was called to a wider ley of the Willamette. In them work than appeared in his first had occupied but one field, and he goes to the heart of the matter without circumlocution, with- more wisely than even he knew. in Africa. Jason Lee came to out unnecessary detail, and yet In ten years the failure to accom- the Red Man. There were few with an apparent grasp of the re- plish results among the Indians, who understood at that time that lation of the present to the fu- more ardently desired by himself the church must minister to the ture which marks the mind of a than any others, though also ex- whole manhood, and that the statesman. There was always pected of him by those who had upon him the glow of a prophet. commissioned him, well nigh ported by the practical and econ-"His statesmanlike comprehension of the situation of this north turned east to answer to those it is clearly understood that for west territory was especially manifest in the strategic seand the conditions which he had lection of the centers for his faced. In 15 years it was so apmission and colonization work, parent that God and country must that no work is sure until it is Immediately, as if by prescience, he established himself that Methodism had a larger work ity. But 80 years ago men did

At the falls of the Willamette, and in this beautiful Salem; at the mouth of the Columbia, and by the mission band of which he at The Dalles, which was the pass

this mighty coast.

"But it was not his great phyambassador with a message and journeys afoot agross mountain Lee and his colleagues, and eswith it all a splendid statesman. and desert, and endured the hard- sical stature, and it was not his pecially after the 'great reinforce- have occupied the symmetrical "In due course, he reached the ships of those years of prison life. comprehensive mind, which char- ment' in 1840, were intended to dimensions of a broad continent, acterized him and made him fit be more than a missionary com- and the advance of its boundary. stood in the sight of all his fel- zation. The solid foundation of erican colony. It is very appar- under the inspiration of a com- men were present: lows with the commanding dig- his greatness was his character. ent now that the work of that lit- pelling nationalism, to the waters Harley C. Pugh, E. F. Smith, He was a great soul. The Al- the band of intense Americans was nity of a man. What must have mighty stamped his soul with the to show the entire co-ordinance been his impression upon the natives to whom he came? When land, he was like John Alden, the pose. He was a man of sublime youngest of those who came in devotion to his Master's business and was of untiring energy. He was a preacher of morality. In-

friend of the Indian.

Great Seal of His Kingdom. Ja- of Christianity with free civilizahe came first into this primeval son Lee was a man of mighty pur tion. We can see clearly enough now that upon the foundation of missionary enthusiasm and institutions, was to build the rich civilization of many generations. The telligence, culture, and patriotism. Lausanne was a Pacific Mayflow-His attitude was determined and er, and Salem became a new Plyunwavering. He soon became mouth. Jas Lee was a true pathfinder, and became the forerunthe known foe of intemperance. and anticipated Oregon's freedom ner of an empire. He came to from the liquor traffic by the ac- be an apostle to a benighted peotion of his mission in extirpat- ple, but he gave direction to the ing the early efforts of unprincimoral and spiritual life of great pled men to establish that abomcommon wealths. inable trade among the Indians. "The tongue of envy has ques-

He was the champion of the right tioned his Americanism because his birthplace was beyond the borand soon became the recognized ders of the land of his adoption. But his birthplace was but a cir-

Indians Are Good. cumstance. He was born but a "The call of Jason Lee and his few miles across the New England heroic comrades was to the Indiline, and his heredity was all American. So was his education: and by choice he made himself fasm for humanity, when he first an American citizen, became acquainted with the Son

"And we know now that by the way he discharged the trust imposed upon him, and by the re-Oregon. And here, instead of sults of his life work, that he was a proper representative of that intense American ecclesiasticism which commissioned him. His Americanism was practical, and his loyalty and love for Amously disappeared. In a few short erican institutions is manifest in years the multitude to whom he

the foundations which have made had dedicated his great life had Oregon the intensely patriotic commonwealth she has ever been. "Possibly the very kindness

> "He wrote to the missionary board which originally sent him into this territory as early as January, 1837, saying: ••T fully of the opinion that this

sentially in laying foundation in

"Eighty years ago, enthusiasm, was the leader, it is proper that and zeal, and plety were expected between the Inland Empire and we should give an additional to subdue the world to righteous-

would not in any complete way B. R. Perkins was elected temporary chairman and E. J. Willard temporary secretary last night. Abernethy, whose portrait has symmetrically, proportioned, he to be the pioneer of a new civili- pany. They were to be an Am- under pressure of its needs, and The following local life insurance long hung in the executive of

> of the Pacific might never have E. H. Pixley, all of the New York city rest the bodies of his wife occurred, for without Oregon, it Life Insurance company; J. F. and child, the first is conceivable-indeed it is pos- Hutchason, of the Mutual Life of and her child to be buried in sible or even probable-that New York; W. C. Dyer, of the Oregon. For \$2 summers the there would have been no Califor- Missouri State Life Insurance sunshine and shadow have player nia under the American flag. We now see what an imperfect real- A. Klein of the Travelers' Life Pittman Lee and her infant son; ization of the American idea or Insurance company; S. E. Edwards American ideal of an expanding of the Equitable Life of New and advancing republic, possess- York; James H. Nicholson, of the and there she and her only born ing an entire continent / of own, it would have been if the western frontiers had been determined by the Rock mountains. The meanest intelligence, even, can understand that America would not have thus matured into the full flower of its development -an indestructible union of indestructible states-but it would James H . Nicholson, E. F. Smith have stopped short in its tracks and E. L. Buchanan were apat the half-mile or the mile post of its grand progress to a supreme position in the great con- tution and by-laws, J. F. Hutchagress of nations.

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American Title Cleared

tween the 42nd and 54th paratlel

-to be exact 54-40-was in the

"When Jason Lee came,

great expanse of territory

company; A. C. Bohrnstedt and L. about the tomb of Anna for 82 winters Oregon rains have lovingly and tenderly carened it; Metropolitan Life; E. L. Buchan- lie peacefully asleep in a ceme an, of the National Life; G. F. tery dedicated to the memory of Booth and G. F. Hurd, of the the husband and father, Jason Bankers' Reserve Life; E. J. Wil- Lee. lard, of the Prudential Life; and B. R. Perkins, of the Provident Life & Trust company. by every right of peaceful con As a membership committee itol buildings of our state as long pointed with Nicholson as chairas those capitol buildings shall

man. As a committee on constiendure. son, A. C. Bohrnstedt and W. C. Jason Lee has wrought; to you Dyer were named with Hutchason as chairman. the

JASON LEE AMONG THE PIONEERS BY REV. JOHN PARSONS, D.D.

The central fact of pioneer Or- father brought him down with

fices.

egon was the missionary move-1 well-aimed rifle shot. ment, and the central figure was same hear, covered with heavy, Jason Lee. The man and his homes. work are worthy of careful study. What manner of man was he? From various sources this picture and of him was gathered.

Jason Lee was intended seemingly for great things. Nature gave him a constitution like iron.

Northwest. His person was tall, being 6 feet 3 inches high, and well developed; his complexion was almost blond, with light hair and grayish blue eyes; his mind was large, science; his manner was grave above the level of the plain isto without dullness, gentle without the region of eternal anow and indomitable, and his paper to present Jason Lee as he character was sincere and exem-

plary, benevolent and all-embracthe ing. C. E. Cline, well known Oregop nor minister and president of the Mission soon after it was founded. to ear the crack of his Methodist Historical Society, found this heroic incident in Mr. Lee's family annals:

tireless.

not

the "Jason Lee was no bottle baby. He was well born and well fed at benefit conferred upon Oregon by the breast of a human mother, Jason Lee." Henry Ward Beecher whose name before she was married was Whitaker-Sarah Whitaker; though, as a matter of fact. It bears fruit. To Mr. Slocum, such Jason came amazingly near having no mother.

"One bright spring day a huge rushed through the open door of the log-cabin where the Whitaker family lived in the wilds of Conof a great commonwealth for the sleeping child in its cradie, when breast of any man, Jason Lee the father, who fortunately was in secular education. the house, a man of great physical closely related to the tenets of a strength and courage, grappled they opposed themselves to the true religion, had been estab- with bruin, literally throwing him call of duty." He was the servlished, and a great school was out of the door. Slowly getting ant of God and duty: they were

soft fur, was properly tanzed and served to keep Jason's mother's bed warm in the severe New England nights. "Of such hardihood and self-retraint stock came the founder of Methodism and civilization in this Admiration for Jason Lee is just as natural as for the peaks of the Cascades. Indeed, one might aptly compare him in the strength of

"In due time the pelt of that

his character and the sublimity of his life to Mount Hood, towering sunshine. It is the purpose of this is photographed by students of Oregon history.

Paymaster Sloeum. 'No language of mine can convey

a man was Jason Lee. Bustavus Hines, who came to

Oregon on the Lausanne in 1840. his confidence. His estimate of the great missionary is summed up in these words: "With heart as afpever allowed his personal feelings to control his conduct, when founded-a university that has the better of him in the struggle the poles of his character, and on

Individuals indeed were saved country will settle ere long, and spiritually and morally and physiif you can send us a few good. cally, and for many years gave pious settlers you will aid estestimony to the value of the return to the States after five or mands and would be served. Ja- beginnings. Prior to that time.

commission, and indeed he built that the field of the Black Man voice of the minister must be supbroke his great heart, and he re- omic life of the people. Today who misunderstood his methods permanent results civilization

must go hand in hand with the proclamation of the gospel, and be served in a larger way, and built into the life of a communand his missions in the places to do, that the mission to the In- not so clearly see the nature of years ago, even missionary boards

were insistent upon purely spiritglory of the greater work done ual results.

thought to the sincerity of pur- ness Jason Lee, from the very

twilight zone of international authority known as the joint occu-When Jason Lee went to pancy. his reward the shadows were disappearing from the American claim of title to a great portion -the most valuable and accessible portion-of the vast domain, and it had been forever made certain that American feet would tread American soil, American

hands build American communities, states, with all their attendant circumstances of industry, education, religion patriotism, and American minds

Letters Are Recalled. would control American fortunes. from the Atlantic to the Pacific. am

When Jason Lee came the vast wilderness was dedicated to primeval solitude, the silent rivers coursed in swelling volume to the distant seas, undisturbed save by

canoe of the savage, or the slowmoving and doubting vessel of the hardy explorer; the fields were verdant with their native grasses

the bateaux of the trapper, the time to come and confer an incalculable benefit upon the people which will be felt by generations "When Jason Lee came to Oreor burdened with their heavy gon missionary effort was in its tangle of wild growths; the deer, the bear, the cougar, had the Methodist Episcopal church

long ceased to marvel at "ierovery of any chance footprint of his enemy man. 18 rifle; the wild duck honked his lotty way in the fail to the lush tules of the south, and in spring came flying back to the

teeming lakes and streams of the north. The Indian alone populat. ed the open spaces, and lived as h's fathers had lived, in ignor-

ance, in squalor and in superstition.

most suitable for controlling in- dians was almost totally discon- the gospel proclamation. Eighty had besides made the beginnings scheme of

Light of Faith Appears "When Jason Lee passed on. the church, through more than one agency, had spread the light of faith, of hope and of respon-

newcoming American citizen. A

bear, driven supposedly by hunger. knew Jason Lee well and enjoyed necticut, making straight for the fectionate as ever beat in the

and responsive to all the pure aspirations of the human conweakness; his spirit was brave.

ed States Navy, visited the Oregon On his return to the United States in 1839 he wrote in Zion's Herald any adequate idea of the great

likened a good man to an orange tree, which scatters perfums while

